

CONEY ISLAND'S NIGHT OF RIOT

WILDEST EVER KNOWN IN THE
SO-CALLED CARNIVAL.

Police Made 229 Arrests, but Were Power-
less for the Most Part to Check Ruffi-
anism.—The Recent Business Men Are
Likely to Oppose Another Carnival.

The wildest night of license and ruffian-
ism in the records of the Coney Island
carnival, which brought to an end some-
time about sunrise yesterday morning
the week of so-called carnival, led some
of the more sober men of large business
investments on the island to say yester-
day that they would not stand for an-
other carnival week. Such a night as
Saturday's with 229 arrests and rowdism
mentioned at that, was enough to put a
blight on the island in the eyes of respecta-
ble people for the whole season to come,

they said. Despite their best efforts the police
were rushed off their feet for hours while
the so-called fun was highest. Women
were insulted and subjected to serious
injuries while their escorts were held
off by fists. There were fights, tramp-
ing and the grinding of red pepper and
spit in the eyes and mouths of the jammed
people on the sidewalks.

After it was all over yesterday after-
noon and Coney Island was beginning to
gather itself together the police of the
Coney Island station and some of the de-
tectives from Headquarters, who were
rushed from lack of sleep and ruffled
by the handling they took from the
crowds, were all for minimizing the diffi-
culties they had undergone for eight or
nine hours of the carnival night. At
least, they said, there had not been one
"equal" for pocket picking during the
whole night and the only two pickpockets
that hit the island were recognized the
minute they stepped off the car and rushed
to waiting cells as "suspicious persons."

It was conceded yesterday that through
no fault of the police the acts of un-
bridled ruffianism occurred. In many
cases where members of the strong arm
squad imported for the night from Man-
hattan, tried to break up gangs of trouble
makers they were hustled off their feet
by members of the crowd of offenders
or through sheer denseness of the crowd
were unable to cleave a way through
and make arrests. So jammed was
Surf avenue and the Bowers that it was
impossible for the station patrol wagon
to move a wheel and all offenders had to
be formed through the crowd to a cell
on foot. It was a job of a little less than
an hour for a policeman with a lively
lighting touch to steer his waverling track
from Steeplechase Park to the station
house.

Early in the evening Mayor Gaynor,
accompanying by Deputy Police Commis-
sioner McFay, had passed down the length
of Surf avenue in an auto, paid a short
visit to the new Municipal Bath House
and then had gone away, satisfied that
the police had things in hand. They did
not leave 9 o'clock, but not an hour later.

The regular Coney Island squad of 100
men was out in full force and 450 uni-
formed policemen from other precincts
were on the job by sundown. To these
were added twenty-five strong arms
and thirty detectives from Headquarters.
The latter to do nothing but keep their
eyes open for rickshaws. There was
not a man of the police force except
possibly the thirty detectives who could
not have three times as much as he could
do from 8 o'clock on to 4 and 5 o'clock
in the morning.

Estimates of Coney Island crowds are
uncertain. The best idea that the show-
men and dip the dip spiels had yester-
day was that if any more had come to the
island they would have had to walk
on heads from curb to curb of Surf avenue
and the Bowers. Early in the evening
this jam was just noisy; later boisterous
elements appeared and by midnight the
crowds were unbridled. Only the most
obvious instances of ruffianism could
be told by the police yesterday.

A crowd of Italian toughs surrounded
a man and a girl who were with him
one of the allies that lead off from the
Bowers to the bathing establishments.
While some of the attackers held the man
down the rest proceeded to undress the
girl. They had her waist and skirt com-
pletely off and were intent on ripping
off her other clothing when the girl's
sister brought Policeman Fogarty, one
of the extra cops, ploughing through the
crowd. The young thugs scattered before
he could lay hands on any of them and the
girl he could do was to rustle a skirt and
shortwaist from a nearby palmit in which
the girl could go home.

Mrs. Henrietta Jacobs, who lives at
375 Broadway, Manhattan, was one of
an automobile party on Surf avenue.
The machine was stalled by the jam of
people. A drunken Italian staggered
over the side of the machine in which
Mrs. Jacobs was sitting, and pouring out
a glassful of red wine, he hit her neck
and shoulders with it. Mrs. Jacobs
pointed out the man, who gave his name
as Angelo Carello, and accompanied the
attending policeman to the station to
make a complaint of assault against him.
Carello got thirty days in the workhouse
when he was up before Magistrate Voor-
hees in the Coney Island police court
yesterday morning.

James Petto, who lives at West Fif-
teenth street and Mermad avenue, Coney
Island, left his wife standing alone for a
few minutes in the Brooklyn dance hall
the Bowers. A stranger walked up
to her, with him, and she refused to
leave a glassful of beer into her face
about a side door. The woman
was severely cut, and since no ambulance
could make its way through the crowd
the policemen had to carry her to the
station, where an ambulance surgeon of
the Reception Hospital dressed her
wounds.

When the riot of disorder was at its
height bands of young ruffians edged
the crowd armed with bags of
peppercorns and snuff. Their best joke
was to throw a woman about the waist
from behind and rub the stinging powder into
her mouth and nose, or using the paper
bags as distributors for the stuff to
blow these into women's faces. Several
of the policemen suffered from the as-
saults of these ruffians and snuff jokers.
One of them, Joseph Barry of the strong

arm squad, had to have his eyes washed
out by Dr. Sonnenschein of the island
hospital.

Most of the arrests were made because
of the depraved insults offered to the
women who dared to mingle with the
crowd. Many had their waists torn open
and confetti or rice spilled into their
bodices. Others were jostled under cover
of the crowd.

The number of culprits poured into the
Coney Island station tanks so fast that
before the night was past three patrol
wagons were rushing them over the
marshes to Sheephead Bay station in
relays. Yesterday morning early Magis-
trate Voorhees sat in the Coney Island
police court and the long string of pris-
oners began to trail before him. To about
the charged with disorderly conduct he
meted out \$10 fine. Twenty-five pleaded
not guilty to similar charges and their
cases were set over for examination.
Thirty went to the island on sentences of
ten or thirty days according to the degree
of flagrancy of the disorderly conduct
lodged against them. All of these had
been arrested for insulting women.

After he had gone through the entire
list of 229 arrests yesterday afternoon
Magistrate Voorhees said that the crowd
of offenders that had been up before him
represented the typical car rowdy ele-
ment, young men who stopped at nothing
under cloak of a crowd.

Three of the managers of large restau-
rants and music halls on Surf avenue
said plainly yesterday that their prop-
erties would not tolerate another
carnival.

"This carnival business brings the worst
element of the whole city to the island,"
one of these said, "and destroys the
efforts we have been making during the
whole season to make Coney Island a
pleasure place for respectable people."

I know that the proprietor of this res-
taurant has never encouraged the carnival
arrangements and he only gives up \$750
each year to the Mardi Gras Association
because it is forced on him. None of the
crowd that makes the disturbance is al-
lowed within this restaurant, but the fear
of insult and disorder keeps good cus-
tomers away.

S. E. Jackson, the president of the
Mardi Gras Association of Coney Island
business men and concession holders,
could not understand why there should
be any criticism of the carnival because
of what occurred last night.

"I did not see anything unlawful or
especially rough," he said, "and I was out
until 2 o'clock. It was because of my
appeal to Police Commissioner Waldo
that the ban was put on ticklers, paper
dusters and such affairs this year, and I
am told that most of the arrests were made
because this prohibition was not recog-
nized."

STONE THAT MOSES STRUCK.

British Coronation Block the One From
Which Water Gushed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Sept. 17.—It has been left to
the twentieth century to add a most
amazing tradition to the many tales
told regarding the famous "Stone of
Destiny," which for six centuries has re-
posed beneath the British coronation
chair. The most familiar of the medieval
legends is that the stone was the one
used by Jacob for his pillow. A Bel-
gian Preaching to-day at Westminster
Abbey, Archdeacon Wilberforce aston-
ished the congregation by quoting a well-
known antiquarian who has specially
studied stones as saying that the "Stone
of Destiny" is also the rock from which
Moses struck water for the thirsting
children of Israel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAR ROWDIES.

Seven Who Say They Are Members of St.
George's Church Go to Workhouse.

Seven young men who described them-
selves as members of the class of 1913 of
St. George's Church Sunday school were
arrested last night in a subway train be-
tween 242d and 181st streets by Detectives
Schields, Coakley and Umminger, who
told Magistrate Krotel in night court
that the boys were "skinning the cat"
on the straps in the car, throwing tennis
balls about and pushing each other into
women's laps. The detectives charged
them with rowdism, and the young men
admitted that they had been skylarking,
but said that they had not been rough
with anybody. They were on their way
home from an outing in Van Cortlandt
Park when they were arrested, they said.
Some had girls with them. The prisoners
minded the Magistrate that they were
church members, but he said: "Church
members or no church members, you'll
get five days in the workhouse and more
if necessary."

They got five days.
All the prisoners are under 19 years
old. They are John Schmidt of 35 Di-
amond street, Brooklyn; James B. Rob-
inson of 127 East 115th street, Manhattan;
George Messerschmidt of 38 Morris avenue,
Brooklyn; Gilbert Matthews of 341 Leff-
erts avenue, Brooklyn; William Hill of
22 West Twenty-third street, Manhattan;
Frank Deutsch of 216 Second avenue,
Manhattan, and Frederick Blood of 133
Third avenue, Manhattan.

WILSON RESENTS CRITICISM.

Secretary Gives Reasons for Becoming
Honorary Vice-President of Brewers.

TRAER, Ia., Sept. 17.—Secretary of
Agriculture James Wilson, who is spend-
ing his vacation here, resents the attacks
which are being made on him because
he has accepted the office of honorary
president of the International Brewers
Congress.

Mr. Wilson said to-day that as a repre-
sentative of the Government he could
not decline the honor. He added that
as the congress will be attended by
representatives of many nations who
will discuss a business that has a legal
standing it could not be officially snubbed.

A NEW FIRST-CLASS APARTMENTS.

The "Lanham," Central Park West and 73d St.
Apply on premises or to Peas & Killian—21d.

CHASED BY CZAR'S POLICEMAN

BROADWAY FUGITIVE ACCUSED
OF TRYING EXTORTION.

Accuser Says He Was Head of Imperial
Secret Police of Russia and Would Not
Hold Him Up for Playing a Lottery.

A pale young man without a hat fled
out of the New Grand Hotel, at Thirty-
first street and Broadway, yesterday and
right behind him was one who called
upon him in three languages to stop.
The pursued dodged across Broadway
under the clasp of a car bell and the
adjudications of a frantic motorman and
ran down to Thirtieth street. The pur-
suer came in long jumps behind.

At Thirtieth street Police Capt. Mc-
Elroy of the Tenderloin police station
was talking to Lieut. Mulligan and Police-
man Duffy. Into their arms ran the
hastless one and Duffy collared him. The
policeman marched his prisoner over to
the station house and there the leader
of the pursuit told his tale.

The latter said he was James I. Persitz,
and that he was very much upset and
might be hit down while he told the offi-
cials just what he had against the young
man without a hat.

Persitz recovered some of his wind and
a little more English and as a starter
told McElroy that he was up to last year
chief of the imperial secret police of
Russia. He said that it had been his duty
once to act as a personal bodyguard
to the czar and that he also looked after
the safety of the Empress Dowager when
she was away from home. He said that
all the secret police work of Russia had
at one time gone through his hands but
that he had resigned from that job last
year and was now writing a book for
magazines about life in the czar's country.
These pieces he said he wrote at the New
Grand, where he has had a room for
some months.

He keeps a private letter box at the
Post Office building box 399, he said,
where he receives confidential communi-
cations. The other day he opened this
box to find in it a scented letter from a
personage who signed himself Baron H.
von Massow and requested a personal
interview. Persitz thought that some one
in Russia whom he might have spied
after was after him and he did not answer
more urgently, but the Baron wrote
more urgently, and finally Persitz con-
sented to see him at the hotel yesterday
afternoon.

At 4 o'clock a pale young man came
in to Persitz, sitting in the lobby. He
introduced himself as the letter writing
Baron. Then he looked around and said
behind a slender hand into Persitz's per-
spective ear that it would be much better
for both if they had their interview while
walking around the block, where there
were fewer to overhear.

As they walked around the block,
Persitz said, the mysterious caller sud-
denly turned on him and told him that
it was all off. He knew Persitz's little
game and Persitz would have to go to jail.
The Baron said that he wasn't really a
baron, but a detective and that he had
discovered that Persitz was engaging
in a lottery game, the penalty for which
was very severe. Persitz asked him how
he knew and in reply the stranger hauled
a letter from his pocket and addressed to
Persitz and said that it contained the proof
that there was a big lottery game going
on. Then Persitz knew, he says, what
was in that letter and that the letter
should have been in his pocket. It came
from his lawyers in Berlin and reported
progress in a lottery that Persitz had
played abroad under governmental ap-
proval. Furthermore the letter was ad-
dressed to him at his own box down in
the Post Office.

After flashing the letter Persitz's ac-
cuser then said, according to the Russian,
that it was very easy for a detective to
forget. For example, \$250 would do a lot
for the postal authorities. To be brief
let Persitz come across with the money
and the matter would be dropped.

Persitz asked the man to step into the
hotel, which they had reached again in
their walk. Then the Russian looked
up the hotel detective on the pretense
of getting the \$250. The detective, C. A.
Neal, said that such things as these were
out of his duties, but that if Persitz would
hold the man he would call in a policeman.

Persitz was hanging onto the caller in
the lobby of the hotel, but the latter
wrenched loose, lost his hat and ran to
the street.

In the station house they listened to
this story and decided to hold the prisoner
on the Russian's charge. The letter was
produced and it was truly from Persitz's
lawyer telling him that he had won five
marks in a lottery game abroad. Also
the letter was addressed to Persitz at box 399
in the General Post Office. The prisoner
changed his name when he got before the
lieutenant. He says now that he is not a
baron, but Walter Hermann, a clerk of
156 West Tenth street.

The police will ask the Post Office people
to-day how it was that a letter could be
taken from a box and used in such a
manner.

BATHER BITTEN BY SHARK.

H. C. Rood of Hartford Has Plerce En-
counter at Florida Resort.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 17.—While
bathing at Pablo Beach this afternoon H.
C. Rood, a traveling salesman of Hart-
ford, Conn., was attacked by a shark
and badly mangled. His left arm was
so badly torn that it will probably have
to be amputated. He was also badly
bitten on the left thigh.

Rood, who is a good swimmer, ven-
tured far out, and as he turned toward
the beach he saw the shark making for
him.

Rood swam desperately, but was quickly
overtaken and forced to fight for his
life. Rood thrust his left arm at the shark
and it was instantly mangled. Then he
kicked at the shark with his left leg and
that member was also badly bitten.

In the meanwhile other bathers had
noticed Rood's struggle and came to his
assistance and frightened off the shark.

Almost fainting from loss of blood, Rood
was taken to the beach hospital in an auto-
mobile and hurried to a hospital in this city.
Surgeons think he will recover unless
complications arise.

PITTSFIELD BALLOON LANDS.

Comes Down Near Flushing in the Early
Evening.

A horse-drawn team in front of a milk
wagon on its way through Auburndale,
a little settlement on the outskirts of
Flushing, stood on his hind legs at 5:30
o'clock yesterday morning. In front of
him slowly settling like some detached
black cloud was a balloon with three men
in the basket, and that balloon had come
all the way from Pittsfield, Mass., to drop
in front of that horse in a yard back of
a house where no one was awake to enjoy
the sight.

The three men in the balloon were
J. B. Benton, who works on a Boston
paper where he isn't cast as a guest
from the heavens; William Fleet of Pitts-
field and J. Van Zalkenburgh of Fram-
ingham, Mass. The three heaved above
a tree in Pittsfield from the Pittsfield Aero
Club Park at 11:55 P. M. on Saturday
night. They were going to see—Benton
and Van Fleet—what Van Zalkenburgh
got his pilot's license for ballooning from
after dark until sunrise, which is the con-
dition the club imposes before it gives its
license.

They swept along in fine shape, puffed
by heavy winds, and just as dawn began
to streak things up they looked down on
gray water some 2,000 feet below them
and they thought that water must be
that of the Hudson River. But the more
they looked at their maps the more puzzled
they became, and finally when the sun
made light enough to qualify any one
as an expert pilot they threw their balloon
overboard and came easily to rest in Auburndale.
They had to ask the milkman where
they were at that.

When the men had clambered out of the
basket they got some milk and rolls and
then went down the street in search of an
express wagon. Into this in three huge
floppy bundles they stowed their balloon
and its basket and headed for the rail-
road station at Flushing.

By this time the word got around that
a lot of Massachusetts folk had flopped
down on Long Island and a big crowd
walked behind the wagon asking Mr.
Benton questions. He said that the
thing that impressed him most about the
trip was the sight of the lights of New
York city, but it was renewed in the
outer districts, especially in the quarters
where the working classes live. The
rioters wrecked schools, attacked the
house of a priest, barricaded the streets
with overturned street cars and smashed
the street lamps so that at nightfall they
could not be lighted.

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tions in good order after the manner of
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Frances and Gertrude Goldstein, sisters,
were walking in 179th street last night
when they saw a tongue of flame shoot
out of the windows on the second floor
of the Chelsea Court apartment house
at Washington avenue. Gertrude, hailed
a passing automobile and commanded the
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a block away. Arriving there she sprang
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pied by Frank J. Winter. Mr. Winter and
his wife were sitting in the room reading
and when the flames came in they ran
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tumbled.

Mrs. Winter remembered when they
reached the street that a Mrs. Frederick
Reis and her three small children were
in an apartment just above, and when
she did see them in the crowd told her
husband to go back and get them.

Winter ran up the stairs through the
choking smoke and found Mrs. Reis un-
conscious on the floor with the children
running around crying. He picked up
Mrs. Reis and with the children clinging
to his coat made his way to the street.

When the firemen under Battalion Chief
Barret arrived they confined the fire to
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TROOPS FIRE ON VIENNA MOBS

MANY REPORTED KILLED IN
DAY OF WILD RIOT.

Trouble Grew Out of Socialist Demon-
stration Against High Food Prices—
Rathaus and Police Stopped—City
Dark—Volleys and Cavalry Charges.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Sept. 17.—The expected oc-
curred here to-day and there were seri-
ous riots as the result of the Social Demo-
cratic demonstration against the in-
creased cost of living. About 200,000 men
and women gathered in various parts
of the city, but the biggest assemblage
was in front of the Rathaus, where angry
speeches were made.

After the speeches it appeared all of
a sudden that nearly every one in the mob
had concealed stones in his or her pockets
and with these missiles they bombarded
the windows of the Rathaus. The police
attempted to check the attack, but only
succeeded in drawing the bombardment
upon themselves.

There were fierce clashes between the
police and the rioters before noon. Then
it was decided to call out a part of the
garrison, and a regiment of cavalry was
sent against the mob. Three separate
charges were made, the troopers using
their swords freely before the mob was
dispersed, and then it was not dispersed
for long. Reinforcements came from
other parts of the city and the rioters
stoned everything in sight, yelling,
"Give us bread, not soldiers!"

The situation rapidly grew worse. The
mobs invaded cafes and wrecked furni-
ture and fittings. The cavalry charged
repeatedly, but with little effect, and the
stormy scenes were not ended until the
infantry was called out and ordered to
fire upon the mobs, which by this time
had begun to build barricades in the
streets.

It is feared that many were killed. The
firing by the infantry ended the trouble
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STOLYPIN HAS BAD TURN.

Symptoms of Peritonitis Detected—
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KIEV, Sept. 17.—A bulletin issued this
afternoon announced that there had been
an unfavorable change in the condition
of the Russian Prime Minister, M. Stolypin,
who was shot at the Municipal Theatre
on Thursday night. There have de-
veloped symptoms of local peritonitis and
an indication of an effusion of blood be-
neath the diaphragm.

The patient's temperature at 6:30 o'clock
this morning was 98.9 and his pulse 80.
Two hours later his temperature had risen
to 98.6 and his pulse had risen to 104.

The bandages were removed at 10 A. M.
and the mouth of the wound was found
to be in a satisfactory condition. The
bullet could then be felt under the skin,
and after the application of a local an-
esthetic it was removed. The patient
stood the operation well.

KIEV, Sept. 18.—A bulletin issued at
midnight says that the symptoms of
peritonitis persist. M. Stolypin's tem-
perature is 98 and his pulse between 116
and 120. It is believed that his condition
is most serious.

CORNERSTONE STOLEN.

New One Cut With Name of San Fran-
cisco's Present Mayor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—It was learned
last night that the cornerstone of the
new county hospital which was laid by Mayor
Taylor two years ago had been removed
and its contents abstracted.

A new stone which bears an inscription
showing that it was laid by Mayor
McCarthy has been cut and will be laid
in place of the former stone.

Efforts to discover what became of
papers and documents taken from the
old stone met with no success. Likewise
all attempts to find the missing corner-
stone failed.

CANADIAN ELECTION RETURNS.

Two Special Wires Into Hotel Breslin on
Thursday Night.

Canadians in New York are making
plans to receive the quickest possible
returns from the election upon recipi-
procity which takes place on Septem-
ber 21.

The Canadian Club has made arrange-
ments with the management of the Hotel
Breslin, where many Canadians are reg